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Intended to help both parents and teachers select books for children, this bibliography compiles titles which were checked against ten well-known sources of recommendations for children's books and which were recommended by at least three of these authorities. Sources include the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books," the Caldecott Medal, the Newbery Medal, and "Children's Choices." Contents of this bibliography include "Books Every Preschool or Kindergarten Child Should Know"; "Books Every First or Second Grade Child Should Know"; "Books Every Third or Fourth Grade Child Should Know"; and "Books Every Fifth or Sixth Grade Child Should Know." Also included is a bibliography of the sources of recommendations. (ARH)

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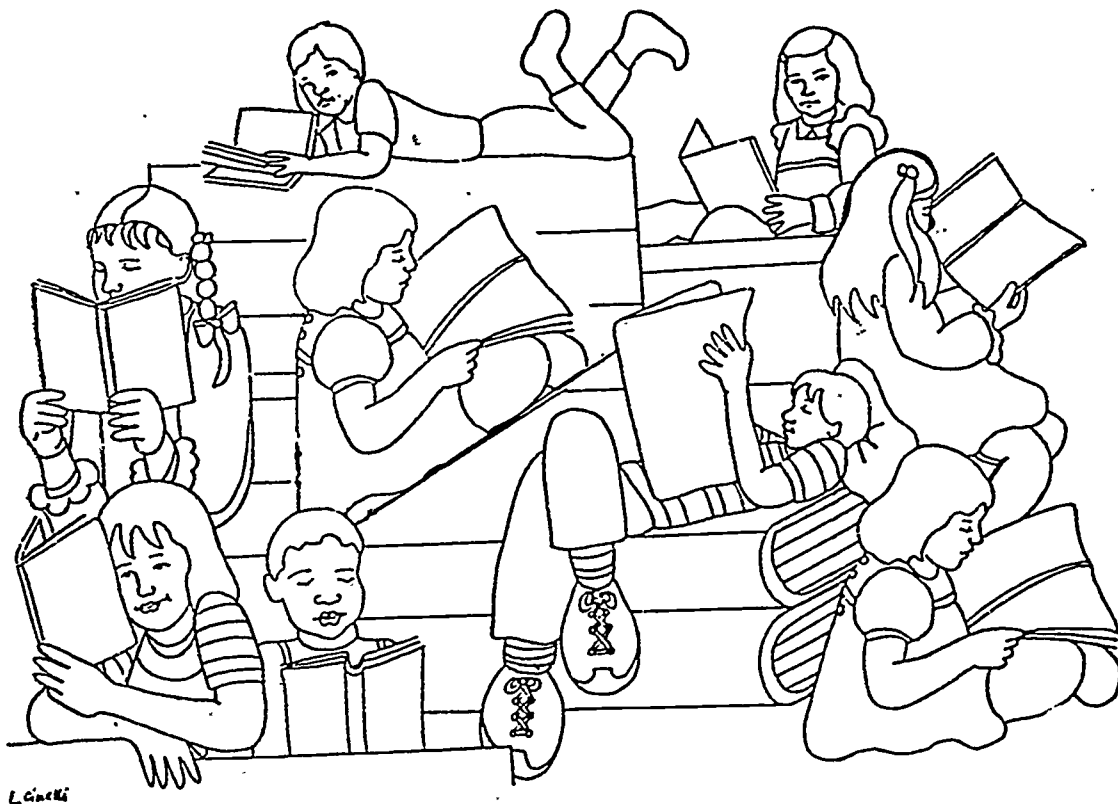
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**"MUST-READ" BOOKS
FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

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INTRODUCTION

Although experts' opinions and choices of "must-read" books often vary, there is a common core of books that emerge as ones that are repeatedly recommended by highly-regarded authorities in the field of children's literature. This study lists those books that are frequently recommended. The project was intended to help teachers meet those age-old parents' questions: What books should I read to my child? What books should I check out for my child? What books should my child be reading? And, from the teacher's point of view: Which recent authors are most worthy of attention? What books should I be recommending to parents who ask?

This publication includes booklists (categorized by children's ages/school grades) which are compilations of titles recommended by at least three of the following sources:

ALA Notable: American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books."

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Newbery Medal: For the most distinguished contribution to American children's literature.

Children's Choices: An annual list of favorites selected by children.

Sequoyah Award: Annual award chosen by Oklahoma third through sixth graders.

SLJ Best: *School Library Journal's* "Best of the Best, 1966-1978."

Larrick: Recommended in *A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading* by Nancy Larrick.

Trelease: Recommended in *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease.

Choosing for 10-12-year-olds: Recommended in *Choosing Books for Kids* by Oppenheim, Brenner, and Boegehold.

SDE: Recommended in the Oklahoma State Department of Education list, based on recommendations by at least two of the major book review sources, including *Horn Book*, *Booklist*, *School Library Journal* and *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*.

Method. Beginning with the books listed for each age category in *Choosing Books for Kids: Choosing the Right Book for the Right Child at the Right Time*, the recommendations were compared to Jim Trelease's selections in *The Read-Aloud Handbook* (both 1982 and 1985 editions), and then compared also with the books included in the "Children's Choices" lists from 1974-1986. Nancy Larrick's *A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading* was a fourth highly-regarded source of recommended books, and the list was then further compared with the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books" lists from 1971-1986 and with *School Library Journal's* "Best of the Best, 1966-1978" recommendations. Then, Caldecott and Newbery Medal and Honor books were included, as well as the Sequoyah Award winning books (the favorites as voted by Oklahoma school children in grades 3-6). Finally, the recommendations were compared to the Oklahoma State Department of Education Library Media section's list of "Recent Materials," which is a listing of books that have been favorably reviewed by at least two major evaluative sources (including *Horn Book*, *Booklist*, the *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, and *School Library Journal*). All ten sources of recommendations were used, then, to compile this "must-read" list of books. To appear on this list, a book must have received a recommendation from at least three sources.

An important factor that impacts this list of "must-read" books is that the timelines of recommendations among all sources do not match. For instance, the *SLJ* "Best of the Best" list includes only books from 1966-1978, whereas the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books" lists have been cited from 1971-1986. Nancy Larrick's last edition of *A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading* was published in 1982, and thus excludes all the excellent books published after that date. Some excellent books, therefore, did not receive at least three recommendations, probably only because some of the sources do not continue up to the present time. The sources used, however, are highly respected for their professional expertise and were judged by the compiler to be appropriate for inclusion in the study.

A second factor to note is the paucity of folk and fairy tales included on this "must-read" list. This traditional literature is included on each individual list in good measure, but differing versions are recommended by the various sources, creating a situation in which very few commonalities resulted on the final list. This is probably due to the fact that children's book illustrators prolificly illustrate their own versions; there are simply so many versions available that there is seldom a consensus of opinion on one particular version.

Complete annotations of the recommended books can be readily found in *The Read-Aloud Handbook* or in *Choosing Books for Kids*. The "Children's Choices" annotations appear annually in the October issue of *The Reading Teacher* as a joint project of the Children's Book Council and the International Reading Association.

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Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds: Recommended in *Choosing Books for Kids* (for 3-4-5-year olds) by Oppenheim, Brenner, and Boegehold.
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SLJ Best: *School Library Journal's* "Best of the Best, 1966-1978."

Airport by Byron Barton. Crowell, 1982.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds, SDE.

Alfie's Feet by Shirley Hughes. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1983.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Amifka by Lucille Clifton; illustrated by Thomas Di Grazia. Dutton, 1977.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Anno's Counting Book by M. Anno. Crowell, 1977.

Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Bedtime for Frances by Russell Hoban; illustrated by Garth Williams. Harper & Row, 1960.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 5-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Blackberry Ink by Eve Merriam. Pictures by Hans Wilhelm. Morrow, 1985.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey. Viking, 1939.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.; illustrated by Eric Carle. Holt, 1983.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Larrick; Choosing for Toddlers.

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams. Greenwillow, 1982.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 3-7-year-olds.

A Chick Hatches by Joanna Cole and Jerome Wexler. Morrow, 1976.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Come to the Doctor, Harry by Mary Chalmers. Harper & Row, 1981.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

Corduroy by Don Freeman. Viking, 1968.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Curious George by H. A. Rey. Houghton Mifflin, 1941; 1973.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

Deep in the Forest by Brinton Turkle. Dutton, 1976.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Each Peach, Pear, Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Viking, 1984.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

An Evening at Alfie's by Shirley Hughes. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1985.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; SDE.

Father Fox's Penrhymes by Clyde Watson; illustrated by Wendy Watson. Macmillan, 1971.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Faye and Dolores by Barbara Samuels. Bradbury, 1985.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Freight Train by Donald Crews. Greenwillow, 1984.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SLJ Best; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown; illustrated by Clement Hurd. Harper & Row, 1947.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for Toddlers, Choosing's "no child should miss this classic" list.

Grasshopper on the Road by Arnold Lobel. Harper & Row, 1978.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Guinea Pigs Don't Read Books by Colleen S. Bare. Dodd, Mead, 1985.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion. Harper & Row, 1956.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman; illustrated by Betty Fraser. Viking, 1978.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 5-7-year-olds.

How Do I Put It On? by Shigeo Watanabe. Illustrated by Yasuo Ohtomo. Philomel, 1979.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers.

I Dance in My Red Pajamas by Edith Thacher Hurd; illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully.

Harper & Row, 1982.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue? by Tana Hoban. Greenwillow, 1978.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

It Could Always Be Worse by Margot Zemach. Farrar Straus and Giroux, 1976.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Caldecott Honor, Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Jamberry by Bruce Degen. Harper & Row, 1983.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers, for 3-4-year-olds.

Just Like Daddy by Frank Asch. Prentice-Hall, 1981.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton. Houghton Mifflin, 1942.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Caldecott Medal 1943; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Little Toot by Hardie Granatky. Putnam, 1939.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans. Viking, 1939.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey. Viking, 1941.

Recommendations: Caldecott 1942; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 3-4-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

May I Bring A Friend? by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers; illustrated by Beni Montresor.

Atheneum, 1964.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1965; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 3-4-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton. Houghton Mifflin, 1939.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 5-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag. Coward, McCann, 1928.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 5-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

Milton the Early Riser by Robert Kraus; illustrated by Jose and Ariane Aruego. Simon and Schuster, 1972.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Moonlight by Jan Ormerod. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1982.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

The Mother Goose Treasury by Raymond Briggs. Coward, McCann, 1966.

Recommendations: Larrick; SLJ Best; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Mr. Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham. Crowell, 1971.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

My Kitchen by Harlow Rockwell. Greenwillow, 1980.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

The Napping House by Audrey Wood; illustrated by Don Wood. Harcourt, 1984.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Children's Choices.

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Nobody Asked Me if I Wanted a Baby Sister by Martha Alexander. Dial, 1971.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Noisy Nora by Rosemary Wells. Dial, 1973.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

The Old Woman and Her Pig and Ten Other Tales by Anne Rockwell. Crowell, 1979.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

One Fine Day by Nonny Hogrogian. Macmillan, 1971.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1972; ALA Notable; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

On Market Street by Arnold Lobel; illustrated by Anita Lobel. Greenwillow, 1981.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; Children's Choices; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Pancake Pie by Sven Nordquist. Morrow, 1984.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

The Pearl by Helen Heine. Atheneum, 1985.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats. Harper & Row, 1967.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

The Philharmonic Gets Dressed by Karla Duskin; illustrated by Marc Simont. Harper & Row, 1982.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

The Quarreling Book by Charlotte Zolotow; illustrated by Anita Lobel. Harper & Row, 1963.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Rain by Peter Spier. Doubleday, 1982.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. Macmillan, 1968.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Round and Round and Round by Tana Hoban. Greenwillow, 1983.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown; illustrated by Clement Hurd. Harper & Row, 1942.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 5-Year-Old Should Know" list.

The Shopping Basket by John Burningham. Crowell, 1980.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Singing Bee! A Collection of Favorite Children's Songs compiled by Jane Hart; pictures by Anita Lobel. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1982.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for Babies.

BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

- Something Special for Me* by Vera B. Williams. Greenwillow, 1983.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-7-year olds.
- The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Viking, 1962.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1963; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 3-4 Year-Olds Should Know" list.
- The Stupids Step Out* by Harry Allard. Houghton Mifflin, 1974.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.
- The Summer Night* by Charlotte Zolotow; illustrated by Ben Schecter. Harper & Row, 1974.
Recommendations: Children's Choice; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.
- Take Another Look* by Tana Hoban. Greenwillow, 1981.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter. Warne, 1902.
Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.
- Ten, Nine, Eight* by Molly Bang. Greenwillow, 1983.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers, 3-4-year-olds.
- The Terrible Thing That Happened at Our House* by Marge Blaine; illustrated by John C. Wallner. Four Winds, 1975.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 5-year-olds.
- The Three Little Pigs* by Paul Galdone. Clarion, 1970; 1984.
Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 5-year-olds.
- Tomie de Paola's Mother Goose* by Tomie de Paola. Putnam, 1985.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for babies, 3-4-year-olds.
- Truck* by Donald Crews. Greenwillow, 1980.
Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.
- The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle. Philomel, 1986.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Philomel, 1969.
Recommendations: Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; over million copies sold; Trelease.
- What a Good Lunch!* by Shigeo Watanabe; illustrated by Yasuo Ohtomo. Philomel, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers.
- Where's Spot?* by Eric Hill. Putnam, 1980.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for Toddlers; "Toddler's Bookshelf" list.
- Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats. Viking, 1964.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow; illustrated by William Pene du Bois. Harper & Row, 1972.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

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SLJ Best: *School Library Journal's* "Best of the Best, 1966-1978."

Aesop's Fables selected and illustrated by Michael Hague. Holt, 1985.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst; illustrated by Ray Cruz. Atheneum, 1972.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Arnold of the Ducks by Mordicai Gerstein. Harper & Row, 1983.

Recommendations: Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

The Bear and the Fly by Paula Winter. Crown, 1976.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Bear's Toothache by David McPhail. Little, Brown, 1972.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Benji by Joan M. Lexau; illustrated by Don Bolognese. Dial, 1964.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Bennett Cerf's Book of Animal Riddles by Bennett Cerf; illustrated by Roy McKie. Random House, 1959.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

The Biggest Bear by Lynd Ward. Houghton Mifflin, 1952.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1953; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Black! the Dark by Mavis Jukes; illustrated by Thomas B. Allen. Knopf, 1985.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

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Charlotte's Web by E. B. White; illustrated by Garth Williams. Harper & Row, 1952.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease K-4; Choosing for 6-9-year-olds.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett; illustrations by Ron Barrett. Atheneum, 1984.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Cinderella translated and illustrated by Marcia Brown from Perrault. Scribner's, 1954.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1955; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Come Away from the Water, Shirley by John Burningham. Crowell, 1977.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Crow Boy by Taro Yashima. Viking, 1955.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Noble; illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Dial, 1980.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Days With Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel. Harper & Row, 1979.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Doctor De Soto by William Steig. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1982.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

The Fairy Tale Treasury edited by Virginia Haviland; illustrated by Raymond Briggs. Coward, McCann, 1972.

Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list; Larrick.

Father Fox's Pennyrhymes by Clyde Watson; illustrated by Wendy Watson. Crowell, 1971.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Choosing for 5-6-7-year-olds.

Frog and Toad All Year by Arnold Lobel. Harper & Row, 1976.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel. Harper & Row, 1970.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Garth Pig and the Ice Cream Lady by Mary Rayner. Atheneum, 1977.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

George and Martha by James Marshall. Houghton Mifflin, 1972.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

George and Martha One Fine Day by James Marshall. Houghton Mifflin, 1978.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Grasshopper on the Road by Arnold Lobel. Harper & Row, 1978.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best Grades 1-3; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

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Gregory Griggs selected and illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Greenwillow, 1978.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Gregory, the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat; illustrated by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey. Four Winds, 1980.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

The Grey Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher by Molly Bang. Four Winds, 1980.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neill; illustrated by Leonard Weisgard. Doubleday, 1961.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Hansel and Gretel retold by Rika Lesser; illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Dodd, Mead, 1984.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Happy Winter by Karen Gundersheimer. Harper, 1982.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SDE.

Her Majesty, Aunt Essie by Amy Schwartz. Bradbury, 1984.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Honey, I Love by Eloise Greenfield; illustrated by Diane and Leo Dillon.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

A House Is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman; illustrated by Betty Fraser.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber. Houghton Mifflin, 1972.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Lentil by Robert McCloskey. Viking, 1940.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Like Jake and Me by Marvis Jukes; illustrated by Lloyd Bloom. Knopf, 1984.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Newbery Honor; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Little Bear by Else H. Minarik; illustrated by Maurice Sendak. Harper & Row, 1957.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-7-year-olds.

Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain by Edward Ardizzone. Penguin, 1983.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Lyle Finds His Mother by Bernard Waber. Houghton Mifflin, 1974.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Children's Choices; Trelease.

Max by Rachel Isadora. Macmillan, 1976.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Miss Nelson Is Missing by Harry Allard; illustrations by James Marshall. Houghton Mifflin, 1977.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

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- The Most Amazing Hide-and-Seek Alphabet Book* by Robert Crowther. Viking 1977.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
- Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater; illustrated by Robert Lawson. Little, Brown, 1938.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease Grades 2-4; Choosing 6-7-year-olds.
- Mrs. Peloski's Snake* by Joanne Oppenheim; illustrated by Joyce Audy diSantos. Dodd, Mead, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
- My Grandson, Lew* by Charlotte Zolotow; illustrated by William Pene duBois. Harper & Row, 1982.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
- The Mysterious Tadpole* by Steven Kellogg. Dial, 1977.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
- Nate The Great and the Phony Clue* by Marjorie Sharmat; illustrated by Marc Simont. Coward, McCann, 1977.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
- Noah's Ark* by Peter Spier. Doubleday, 1978.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1978; Children's Choices; Trelease; SDE.
- Nobody Listens to Andrew* by Elizabeth Guilfoile; illustrated by Mary Stevens. Follett, 1957.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-years.
- Now One Foot, Now The Other* by Tomie dePaola. Putnam, 1981.
Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 5-7-years-old; SDE.
- Old Mother Witch* by Carol Carrick; illustrated by Donald Carrick. Seabury, 1975.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1975; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
- Paddy Pork's Holiday* by John S. Goodall. Atheneum, 1976.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1977; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
- Pancake Pie* by Sven Nordquist. Morrow, 1985.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 3-7-year-olds; SDE.
- The Patchwork Quilt* by Valery Flournoy; illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Dial, 1985.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.
- The Philharmonic Gets Dressed* by Karla Duskin; illustrated by Marc Simont. Harper & Row, 1982.
Recommendations: ALA Notable (Grades 1-4); SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.
- The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton Mifflin, 1985.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-9-year-olds; SDE.
- Romona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Louis Darling. Morrow, 1968.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Sequoyah Award; Choosing's "The Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

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The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant; illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Bradbury, 1985.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Caldecott Honor; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

Rotten Ralph by Jack Gantos; illustrated by Nicole Rubel. Houghton Mifflin, 1976.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Children's Choices 1977; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Round Trip by Ann Jonas. Greenwillow, 1983.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1984; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Sam, Bangs, and Moonshine by Evaline Ness. Holt, 1966.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; SLJ Best; Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

She Come Bringing Me That Little Baby Girl by Eloise Greenfield; illustrated by John Steptoe. Lippincott, 1974.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1974; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Sleep Out by Carol and Donald Carrick. Clarion, 1973.
Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs. Random House, 1978.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1979; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE; Choosing's "The Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron. Pantheon, 1981.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
Also see: *More Stories Julian Tells*, Pantheon, 1986.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

Stevie by John Steptoe. Harper & Row, 1969.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "The Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Strega Nonna by Tomie dePaola. Prentice Hall, 1975.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1975; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig. Simon & Schuster, 1969.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Tell Me a Mitzi by Lore Segal; illustrated by Harriet Pincus. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1970.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

The Terrible Thing That Happened At Our House by Marge Blaine; illustrated by John C. Wallner. Four Winds, 1975.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1975; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

That Terrible Halloween Night by James Stevenson. Greenwillow, 1980.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; SDE.

The Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Judith Viorst; illustrated by Erik Blegvad. Atheneum, 1971, 1975.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Thy Friend, Obadiah by Brinton Turkle. Viking, 1969.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

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Tikki, Tikki, Tembo retold by Arlene Mosel; illustrated by Blair Lent. Holt, 1968.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Up and Up by Shirley Hughes. Prentice Hall, 1979.

Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

We're In Big Trouble, Blackboard Bear by Martha Alexander. Dial, 1981.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1981; Trelease; SDE.

Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. Harper & Row, 1963.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "The Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Whiskers and Rhymes by Arnold Lobel. Greenwillow, 1985.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

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SDE: Recommended in the Oklahoma State Department of Education list, based on recommendations by at least two of the major book review sources, including *Horn Book*, *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, and *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*.

The Accident by Carol Carrick; illustrated by Donald Carrick. Clarion, 1976.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst; illustrated by Ray Cruz. Atheneum, 1972.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Children's Choices 1982; Choosing for 6-12-year-olds.

Aldo Apple Sauce by Johanna Hurwitz. Morrow, 1979.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1980; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; SDE.

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? by Jean Fritz; illustrated by Margot Tones. Coward, 1973.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

The Bicycle Man by Allen Say. Parnassus Press, 1982.
Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe; illustrated by Alan Daniel. Atheneum, 1979.
Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1982; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1980; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books for 8-9-year-olds Too Good to Miss" list.

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink. Macmillan, 1935.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Classics" list.

The Carp in the Bathtub by Barbara Cohen; illustrated by Joan Halpern. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1972.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

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Charlotte's Web by E. B. White; illustrated by Garth Williams. Harper & Row, 1952.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

A Cricket in Times Square by George Selden; illustrated by Garth Williams. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1960.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

The Devil's Storybook by Natalie Babbitt. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1974.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices 1974; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Dominic by William Steig. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1972.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

The 18th Emergency by Betsy Byars; illustrated by Robert Grossman. Viking, 1973.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Encyclopedia Brown Saves the Day by Donald Sobol; illustrated by Leanord Shortall. Nelson, 1970.

Recommendations: Children's Choices for the series in '83, '85, '86; Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume; illustrated by Sonia O. Lisker. Four Winds, 1971.

Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

A Frog's Body by Joanna Cole; photos by Jerome Wexler. Morrow, 1980.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

The Garden of Abdul Gasazi by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton Mifflin, 1979.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

Hawk, I'm Your Brother by Byrd Baylor; illustrated by Peter Parnall. Scribner's, 1976.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

The Hospital Book by James Howe; photos by Mal Warshaw. Crown, 1981.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

How I Hunted the Little Fellows by Boris Zhitkov; translated by Djemma Bider; illustrated by Paul Zelinsky. Dodd, Mead, 1979.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

How the Forest Grew by William Jaspersohn; illustrated by Chuck Eckart. Greenwillow, 1981.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell; illustrated by Emily McCully. Watts, 1973.

Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1976; Children's Choices; Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

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How You Were Born by Joanna Cole. Morrow, 1984.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes; illustrated by Louis Slobodkin. Harcourt, 1944.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries by Judith Viorst; illustrated by Lynne Cherry. Atheneum, 1982.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1982; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord; illustrated by Marc Simont. Harper & Row, 1984.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton Mifflin, 1981.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1982; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1982; SDE; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Left-Handed Shortstop by Patricia Reilly Giff; illustrated by Leslie Morrill. Delacorte, 1980.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Lizard Music by D. Manus Pinkwater. Dodd, Mead, 1976.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

The Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder; illustrated by Garth Williams. Harper & Row, 1932.

Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Classic" list; Choosing's "Ten Books for 8-9-year-olds To Good to Miss" list.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater; illustrated by Robert Lawson. Little, Brown, 1938.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds (read-aloud); Choosing's "Classic" list.

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall; illustrated by Barbara Cooney. Viking, 1979.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1979; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe by Bette Greene; illustrated by Charles Lilly. Dial, 1974.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1974; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren; illustrated by Louis S. Glanzman. Viking, 1950.

Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Classic" list.

Poem Stew selected by William Cole; illustrated by Karen Ann Weinhaus. Lippincott, 1981.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1982; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Ramona the Brave by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen. Morrow, 1975.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Children's Choices 1975; Larrick; Choosing 6-9-year-olds.

Ramona and Her Father by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen Morrow, 1975.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1978; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

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- Ramona and Her Mother* by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen Morrow, 1979.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1980; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen Morrow, 1981.
Recommendations: Larrick; ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.
- The Real Thief* by William Steig. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1973.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Trelease.
- Saint George and the Dragon* retold by Margaret Hodges; illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Little, Brown, 1984.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan. Harper & Row, 1985.
Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1986; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1986; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.
- Shadow* by Blaise Cendrars; translated and illustrated by Marcia Brown. Scribner, 1982.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1983; ALA Notable; SDE.
- The Shrinking of Treehorn* by Florence Parry Heide; illustrated by Edward Gorey. Holiday House, 1971.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- Shoe Shine Girl* by Clyde Robert Bulla; illustrated by Leigh Grant. Crowell, 1975.
Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1978; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- The Sign of The Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare. Houghton, 1983.
Recommendations: Newbery Honor; Children's Choices 1984; SDE; ALA Notable.
- Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume; illustrated by Roy Doty. Dutton, 1972.
Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1975; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- A Very Young Circus Flyer* text and photos by Jill Krementz. Knopf, 1979.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- A Very Young Rider* text and photos by Jill Krementz. Knopf, 1977.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- Where The Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein. Harper & Row, 1974.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- The Wreck of The Zephyr* by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton Mifflin, 1983.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
- Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China* by Ai-Ling Louie; illustrated by Ed Young. Philomel, 1982.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Children's Choices 1983.

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SDE: Recommended in the Oklahoma State Department of Education list, based on recommendations by at least two of the major book review sources, including *Horn Book*, *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, and *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*.

Abel's Island by William Steig. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1976.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Anastasia Krupnik by Lois Lowry. Houghton Mifflin, 1979.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1980; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? by Jean Fritz; illustrated by Margot Tomes. Coward, McCann, 1973.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

Amy's Eyes by Richard Kennedy; illustrated by Rickard Egielski. Harper & Row, 1985.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Are You There, God--It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume. Bradbury, 1970.

Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should know" list.

Arthur, For The Very First Time by Patricia MacLachlan; illustrated by Lloyd Bloom. Harper & Row, 1980.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Beat the Turtle Drum by Constance Greene. Viking, 1976.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

A Billion for Boris by Mary Rodgers. Harper & Row, 1974.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choice 1974; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

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The Blue Sword by Robin McKinley. Greenwillow, 1982.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson. Crowell, 1977.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1978; ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Burnish Me Bright by Julia Cunningham. Pantheon, 1970.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink. Macmillan, 1935.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Classics" list.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. Harper & Row, 1952.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-12-year-olds.

Come Sing, Jimmy Jo by Katherine Paterson. Lodestar/Dutton, 1985.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choice 1986; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun by Rhoda Blumberg. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1985.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Conrad's War by Andrew Davies. Crown, 1978.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; SDE.

Cracker Jackson by Betsy Byars. Viking, 1985.

Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Children's Choice 1986.

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary. Morrow, 1983.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1984; Sequoyah Award 1985; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Dacey's Song by Cynthia Voigt. Atheneum, 1982.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1983; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Dragonwings by Lawrence Yep. Harper & Row, 1975.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices 1975; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Wheatley Snyder. Atheneum, 1976.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Family Secrets: Five Very Important Stories by Susan Shreve; illustrated by Richard Cuffari. Knopf, 1978.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

The Fledgling by Jane Langton. Harper & Row 1980.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Freaky Friday by Mary Rodgers. Harper & Row, 1972.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

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From The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg. Atheneum, 1968.
Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1968; Larrick; SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Gentle Ben by Walter Morey; illustrated by John Schoenherr. Dutton, 1965.
Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1968; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson. Crowell, 1978.
Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neill. Doubleday, 1961.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-12-year-olds.

The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley. Greenwillow, 1984.
Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1985; ALA Notable; Children's Choice 1985.

Hiroshima No Pika written and illustrated by Toshi Maruki. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1982.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

The Hocus-Pocus Dilemma by Pat Kibbe; illustrated by Dan Jones. Knopf, 1978.
Recommendations: Children's Choice 1980; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton. Macmillan, 1968.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell; illustrated by Emily McCully. Watts, 1973.
Recommendations: Sequoyah Award, 1976; Children's Choice, 1981; Larrick; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries by Judith Viorst; illustrated by Lynne Cherry. Atheneum, 1981.
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The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks. Doubleday, 1981.
Recommendations: Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Trelease; SDE.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell. Houghton Mifflin, 1960.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

The Jewish Americans: A History In Their Own Words by Milton Meltzer. Harper & Row, 1982.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes. Houghton Mifflin, 1943.
Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1944; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Julie of the Wolves by Jean George. Harper & Row, 1973.
Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1973; ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry. Rand McNally, 1948.
Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1949; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein. Harper and Row, 1981.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

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- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. Macmillan, 1951.
Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.
- M. C. Higgins the Great* by Virginia Hamilton. Macmillan, 1974.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Larrick; Newbery Medal 1975; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
- The Moves Make the Man* by Bruce Brooks. Harper & Row, 1984.
Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien. Atheneum, 1971.
Recommendations: Newbery Award, 1971; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.
- My Brother Sam Is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier. Four Winds, 1974.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
- Nightmares: Poems to Trouble Your Sleep* by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Greenwillow, 1979.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
- The Night Swimmers* by Betsy Byars. Delacorte, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1981; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
- Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson. Harper & Row, 1964.
Recommendations: Larrick; Sequoyah Award 1959; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
- One-Eyed Cat* by Paula Fox. Bradbury 1984.
Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
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Recommendations: ALA Notable; Coretta Scott King Award; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; SDE.
- Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe* by Bette Greene; illustrated by Charles Lilly. Dial, 1974.
Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1974; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.
- The Pinballs* by Betsy Byars. Harper, 1977.
Recommendations: Trelease; SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1978.
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Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
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Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1966; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

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Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

A Ring of Endless Light by Madeline L'Engle. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1980.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1981; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

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Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1977; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

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Recommendations: ALA Notable; Newbery Honor; Children's Choices 1984; SDE.

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Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1971; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

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A Taste of Blackberries by Doris Buchanan Smith. Crowell, 1973.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Thank You, Jackie Robinson by Barbara Cohen; illustrated by Richard Cuffari. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1964.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1975.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1975; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Trial Valley by Vera and Bill Cleaver. Lippincott, 1977.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

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Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1948; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Underground by David Macaulay. Houghton Mifflin, 1976.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977.

The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss. Crowell, 1972.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

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Westmark by Lloyd Alexander. Dutton, 1981.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Where the Buffaloes Begin by Olaf Baker; drawings by Stephen Gammell. Warne, 1982.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Where the Lilies Bloom by Bill and Vera Cleaver. Lippincott, 1969.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein. Harper & Row, 1974.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame; illustrated by Ernest Shepard. Scribner's, revised ed, 1933 (original 1908).

Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Classics" list.

The Wish Giver by Bill Brittain; drawings by Andrew Glass. Harper & Row, 1983.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth G. Speare. Houghton Mifflin, 1958.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1959; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Words by Heart by Ouida Sebestyen. Little, Brown, 1980.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1980; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1962.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1963; Sequoyah Award 1965; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

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Additional Resources

American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books" list is published annually in *Booklist*, usually the March 15th issue.

Caldecott and Newbery Medal and Honor books are also listed in *Booklist*, in the same issue as "Notable Children's Books."

Sequoyah Award winners list is available from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Library/Media Section, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599.

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